HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

S.B. : HON'BLE MR. SATISH K. AGNIHOTRI, J.

WRIT PETITION (S) No. 3988 of 2005

PETITIONER : Smt. Swarnalata Sushma Toppo, wife of Shri Sushula Tirkey Age 35 years, Assistant Teacher, Primary School Gandhi Nagar, Ambika Pur District Sarguja, Chhattisgarh.

VERSUS

RESPONDENTS :

1. State of Chhattisgarh, Through Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Ministry of Tribal Development, Mantralaya, D.K.S. Bhawan, Raipur (Chhattisgarh).
2. Commissioner, Tribal Development, Bilaspur.
3. Assistant Commissioner, Tribal Development, Sarguja, Ambikapur.

Present: Shri Anupam Dubey, Advocate for the petitioner.
Shri Sushil Dubey, Government Advocate for the State/respondents.

ORDER

(Passed on 16th March 2007)

1. The petitioner, while working as Assistant Teacher at Primary School Gandhi Nagar, Ambikapur, District Surguja, was transferred to Middle School, Bada Damali, on the same terms and conditions vide impugned order dated 05.10.2001 (Annexure A/1).

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2. The Madhya Pradesh Administrative Tribunal at Raipur vide interim order dated 20.11.2001 directed to maintain status quo in regard to the position of the petitioner as was prevailing on 09.10.2001. By virtue of the interim order the petitioner is continuing at the original place of posting.

3. Be that as it may, with the passage of time this petition has become infructuous as period of transfer is not applicable forever. At this point of time, there is no question to examine the validity of the transfer order. However, the respondents are at liberty to pass appropriate order keeping in view the public interest and administrative exigency, without insisting on compliance of the impugned transfer order.

4. It is well settled principle of law that transfer is an incident of service and it is for the employer to decide as to where a particular officer/employee be posted, keeping in view public interest as well as administrative exigency. This Court has limited jurisdiction to interfere in the transfer matter and this Court can interfere only in the case of proved malafide, non-competence of authority passing the transfer order and transfer order not being in conformity with the rules and regulations.

5. In view of the above, this petition stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

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